

## SMS/800, INC. – ADMINISTRATION TRANSITION PLAN

# Proposal: Transition the SMS/800 System and Services from Current Governance Structure to Industry-based Governance

#### Transition will include:

- 1. Administration and delivery of the SMS/800 System and Services
- 2. Tariff responsibility
- 3. Establishment of the new Board of Directors

## Why and why now?

- 1. System and operations are stable and well-positioned to support growth
- 2. Respond to Resp Org/Service Provider requests
- 3. Positive response to perceived conflict of interest
- 4. Continue to provide consistent, reliable service for the future, under new structure

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# **Multiple Phase Plan**

Establish Dedicated, Independent Management for SMS/800, Inc.

- 1. Identify qualified, experienced management team to be employed directly by SMS/800, Inc.
  - Replaces BOC employee support role
  - Has minimal impact to operating costs
- 2. Seek and incorporate additional customer input/feedback on establishment of dedicated, independent management team and overall company reorganization

Address Regulatory Issues Related to Service Provider Role

- 1. Transition responsibility for the SMS/800 Functions Tariff to SMS/800, Inc.
- 2. Expand SMS/800, Inc. Board of Directors (BoD) to incorporate customer representatives



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### **Board of Directors Structure**

Current: Directors are designated by the three (3) Bell Operating Companies (BOCs)

Proposed: Seven (7) Directors (election/appointment to be coincident with transfer of the tariff)

- 1. Five (5) SMS/800 Inc. Customer Seats Elected representation by and from Large/Medium/Small Resp Orgs and Service Control Point (SCP) Owner Operators
- 2. Two (2) Independent Seats Appointed by elected Board Members from the Large/Medium/Small Resp Orgs and Service Control Point (SCP) Owner Operators, based on experience and skill sets
- 3. Terms for Board members will be staggered to ensure management continuity



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## **Transition Plan Benefits**

#### Customers

- 1. Expanded customer representation on SMS/800, Inc. Board of Directors (BoD)
- 2. Continued stability in pricing and cost management
- 3. Positively addresses perceived conflict of interest
- Gradual management evolution without substantive alteration in system, investment or technology

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- 1. Preserves tariff structure and administration
- 2. Provides stronger voice for customers, via BoD representation
- 3. Ensures skilled and dedicated SMS/800 Inc. resources (both current & future)